GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS BY RUSSIA
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has recently discontinued the manufacture of essential spare-part of the aircraft supplied to Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, whether this has effected adversely repair works in the maintenance units of Indian Air Force; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, in case of some aircrafts such as MiG-23 and MiG-25, the manufacturing plants are not producing some of the spares now.

(b) Yes, to a little extent.

(c) The situation is being met by increasingly indigenising the manufacture of spare parts, as well as identifying alternate sources for their procurement. This is an ongoing process.